

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Office Action dated December 12, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, claims 1, and 5-6 are amended. In particular, independent claims 1 and 5 are amended to refer to "two cooling members" as shown, for example in Figure 1 of the present application. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are pending in the present application, with claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 being withdrawn from consideration.


Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Action. By the foregoing amendment to independent claims 1 and 5, two cooling members are recited to cool the upper and lower dies. Claim 6, which depends from claim 5, is amend to clarify that the cooling members comprise an upper water jacket and a lower water jacket that selectively contact the upper and lower dies, respectively. That is, according to claim 6, the upper cooling water jacket contacts the upper die and the lower cooling water jacket contacts the lower die to cool the glass material between the upper and lower dies. This is supported by the specification and is shown in Figure 1 of the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2 and 5-7 are enabled by the present specification and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is requested.

In that the sole rejection to the claims was under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, it is submitted that the foregoing amendment to the claims clarifies the recited cooling means and places the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of the application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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